

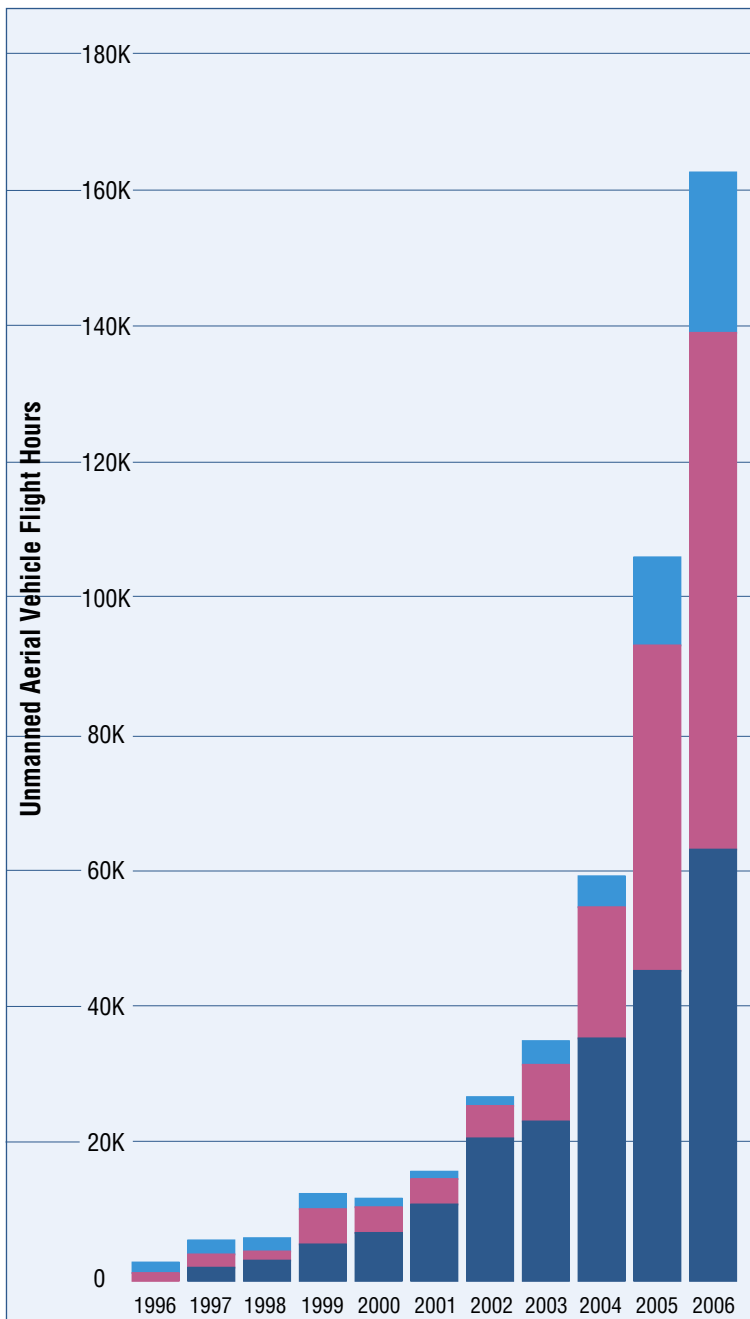
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That Giant Droning Sound

More Flying Action ...

(Major UAVs Only; Excludes Small UAVs)



Unmanned aerial vehicles are big—really big. Starting with the dazzling success of USAF's MQ-1 Predator drones over Afghanistan, UAVs have been stellar players in the Global War on Terrorism, demonstrating strike, intelligence-surveillance-reconnaissance, and other capabilities. As UAVs have opened military eyes, theater commanders have been demanding more operational use and thus more systems. DOD and the services have responded in both areas. The end of the growth is nowhere in sight.

- Air Force
- Army
- Navy/USMC

... and More Aircraft

NAME	OPERATOR	2002	2006
Predator	USAF	22	88
Reaper	USAF	0	8
Global Hawk	USAF	6	11
GH-Maritime	NAVY	0	2
Buster	ARMY	0	20
Pioneer	NAVY	34	33
Shadow 200	ARMY	24	212
Neptune	NAVY	0	15
Tern	SOCOM	0	15
Mako	SOCOM	0	14
Sentry	JOINT	0	3
Tigershark	NAVY	0	9
SnowGoose	SOCOM	0	28
Fire Scout	JOINT	0	4
Hunter	ARMY	41	54
I-Gnat	ARMY	0	4
		<u>127</u>	<u>520</u>

Source: Department of Defense, Unmanned Aircraft System Planning Task Force.